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SUBJ: US POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS

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1. POLCOUNS CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL WITH VAN DIJL, HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, EMPHASIZING THAT US WAS NOT SUPPORTING POSITION OF EITHER SIDE AND THAT WE FELT THERE HAD TO BE FURTHER EVOLUTION IN POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES. VAN DIJL DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS BUT TOLD US FOLLOWING.

A. LATE AFTERNOON JULY 28 ISRAELI AMBASSADOR BAR-ON SAW DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS RUTTEN (NOW IN HELSINKI) AND VAN DIJL. DRAWING WITH CARE ON WRITTEN ENGLISH, BAR-ON GAVE DETAILED EXPOSITION ON LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSALS AND EGYPTIAN RESPONSES. VAN DIJL, CONSULTING HIS OWN RECORD OF MEETING, NOTED THAT
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BAR-ON HAD NOT SAID THAT US SUPPORTED ISRAELI POSITION

BUT HAD REMARKED THAT EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS WERE "CONTRARY TO ISRAELI STRATEGIC CONCEPT AS SUPPORTED BY US."

B. ISRAELIS WERE MAKING PRESENTATIONS IN MANY CAPITALS, THOUGH IN SOME NOT IN SAME DETAIL AS IN OTHERS. VAN DIJL WAS UNDER IMPRESSION EC-9 CAPITALS WERE ALL APPROACHED IN SAME DETAIL AS THE HAGUE.

C. BAR-ON HAD NOT MADE REQUEST THAT DUTCH URGE EGYPT TO BE CONCILIATORY. HE HAD SAID, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAEL BELIEVES ARABS OR EGYPT (VAN DIJL WAS NOT SURE WHICH TERM BAR-ON HAD USED) THOUGHT "THEY HAD IT IN THEIR POWER TO FRIGHTEN THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES." IT WAS THE ISRAELI VIEW, ACCORDING TO BAR-ON, THAT, IF ARABS BECAME AWARE THAT THEIR APPROACH MET WITH CRITICISM, THEY MIGHT "FEEL DIFFERENT".

2. VAN DIJL SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO GIVE US DETAILED READ-OUT SINCE DUTCH OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED CRUCIAL ROLE PLAYED BY US AND WISHED TO GIVE US EFFORTS FULL SUPPORT. TANGUY

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